A RESOLUTION to congratulate Bob Willis on being named "Farmer of the Year" by the Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those outstanding citizens who have been chosen by their colleagues as being worthy of commendation; and

WHEREAS, Bob Willis was selected "Farmer of the Year" for 1994 by

Lancaster/Sunbelt, an award that is but another milestone in his bright and sparkling career as a farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr Willis was the state-wide nominee for this prestigious honor, of which he is richly deserving; and

WHEREAS, long recognized as a highly capable and innovative farmer by his peers, Mr. Willis is past president of the Coffee County Farm Bureau and has previously been named the "Rotary Farmer of the Year" as well as "Young Farmer of the Year". He has also demonstrated his sagacious leadership by serving on national Farm Bureau Committees; and

WHEREAS, a true believer in family involvement, Mr. Willis has taken a genuine interest in grooming both of his sons, Donald and John Willis, to ensure that farming forever continues as a Willis family legacy; and

WHEREAS, Bob Willis farms 3,451 total acres in the Rutledge Hill community where he continues to excel as one of the area's best farmers, producing top quality crops at a surprising rate; and

WHEREAS, his considerable farming talent has catapulted him to the very pinnacle of an extremely important profession and Bob Willis, as a farmer and citizen, is unequalled in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Willis and the phrase "Farmer of the Year" are synonymous and the acclaim such phrase confers is most befitting this outstanding young man as he expresses his love for his profession through his zealous agricultural efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Bob Willis on being named "Farmer of the Year" by the Lancaster/Sunbelt Expo and wish him much continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be made for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copies.

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